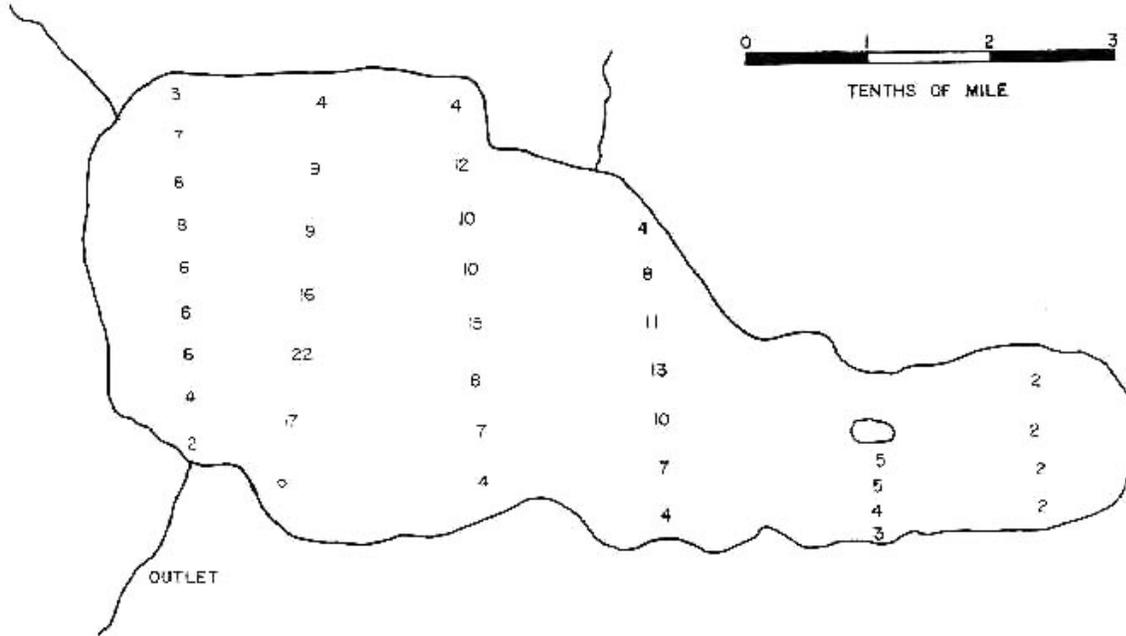
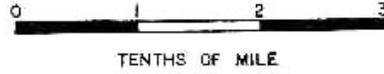




MIDAS # 2596
STAFFORD POND

HARTLAND TWP, SOMERSET CO., MAINE

AREA 122 ACRES



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Hartland Twp., Somerset Co.
U.S.G.S. Harmony, Me. (7.5')

Fishes

Brook trout	White sucker
White perch	Hornpout (bullhead)
Yellow perch	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Chain pickerel	American eel
Minnows	
Blacknose dace	
Creek chub	

Physical Characteristics

Area - 122 acres

Maximum depth - 22 feet

Principal fisheries: White perch

Temperatures:

Surface - 72°F

22 feet - 56°F

Summer water temperatures at Stafford Pond are nearly equal from the surface to bottom in all parts of the pond, except for the small deep hole area. Unfortunately, this deep cool water is deficient in dissolved oxygen. The pond's tributaries usually dry up during the late summer months. Extensive marshy areas with abundant aquatic vegetation exist at both ends of the pond.

Stafford Pond was chemically treated twice in the 1970's to remove unwanted warmwater fish in an attempt to create a brook trout fishery. Brook trout were stocked annually for a number of years, but when they failed to maintain an adequate fishery the program was terminated. Warmwater fish are now fully established and the pond should be managed for the excellent white perch fishery.

An unimproved boat ramp is located on the northwest side of the pond along State Route 43.

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